

# #3266299 PBS kids "Arthur episode, 'Mr. Ratburn and the Special Someone' homosexual marriage"

Submitted **Received via Requester**  
May 14, 2019, 5:07 PM Web Form (b) (6)

Status	Type	Priority	Group	Assignee
Closed	-	-	CGB Indecency Unassigned Tickets	(b) (6)

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
General Inquiry	Arthur	Broadcast (over the air)	Indecency	(b) (6)

Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	Texas	78154	4:30 P.M.	May 13

Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard
2(b) (6)	9	San Antonio

Network Name (other)	Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard
PBS (Public Broadcasting Service)	Other	Texas

Address 1	City	Filing on Behalf of Someone
(b) (6)	Selma	No

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I'm angry and disgusted with this Arthur episode and now by the entire series. I almost let my three-year-old baby--who is not even fully potty trained--watch this trash. They have no business airing anything that has to do with a very controversial issue like that of homosexuality and their filthy version of "marriage." This is indoctrinating kids without parental consent. Please quit funding this and take Arthur off the air. This character is a homosexual and is openly displaying obscene behavior of which I am firmly against.

(b) (6) May 15, 9:53 AM

Hi (b) (6)

Thank you for contacting the FCC to share your concerns about program material that you find offensive. The FCC licenses over-the-air radio and TV broadcast stations. It is against federal law for a licensed television or radio station to air obscene programming at any time, or to air indecent or profane material during the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The FCC is charged with enforcing the law that governs the broadcast of such material.

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Because your complaint is regarding non-broadcast programming shown over a cable or satellite system, we cannot proceed further with regard to your allegations. Accordingly, we must close your complaint.

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<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/obscene-indecent-and-profane-broadcasts>

<https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/203700670-Cable-TV-and-Offensive-Programming-Quick-Facts>

<https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/203700610-Satellite-Programming-Quick-Facts>

(b) (6) May 16, 12:30 PM

Dear FCC:

My complaint does NOT regard non-broadcast programming shown over a cable or satellite system! The content I am referring to was aired on the regular broadcast station "PBS." PBS released controversial, inappropriate, indecent, adult content over the airways during a time children should be able to watch their regular children's programming. They did not even provide a "Warning" for viewer discretion before it was aired. I viewed this on my antenna TV. I don't have cable, satellite, or any other type of service. This was broadcast on regular television--I had no control over the time at which it aired, nor could I rewind or fast forward anything.

Arthur, especially this episode, is now for mature audiences. PBS is tax payer funded. Please, quit using my tax dollars on very indecent and inappropriate content for my child. I don't appreciate it.

Please resolve this issue quickly!

(b) (6) May 17, 5:59 PM

(b) (6),

Thank you for your submission. Your complaint provides the FCC with important information we can use to develop policies to protect consumers, remedy violations of the Communications Act, and encourage future compliance with the law.

Please follow the link below to a consumer guide that includes relevant information on the issue you have raised.

As such, no further action is required by the FCC. Your complaint was closed as of today.

Thank you for your submission and help in furthering the FCC's mission on behalf of consumers.

Link to consumer guide:

Guide - [www.fcc.gov/guides/fcc-and-freedom-speech](http://www.fcc.gov/guides/fcc-and-freedom-speech)

Obscenity Guide - [www.fcc.gov/guides/obscenity-indecency-and-profanity](http://www.fcc.gov/guides/obscenity-indecency-and-profanity)

# #3281786 Inappropriate content for children

Submitted                    Received via                    Requester  
May 21, 2019, 10:10 PM    Web Form                    (b) (6)

Status    Type    Priority    Group                    Assignee  
Open       -       -       EB Indecency               -

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	Arthur	Cable	Indecency	(b) (6)
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	Maryland	21769	7:00 pm	May 17
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
(b) (6)	266	Middletown		
Network Name (other)	Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard		Address 1
PBS Kids	Other	Maryland		(b) (6)
City	Filing on Behalf of Someone			
Middletown	No			

Cmadara3 May 21, 10:10 PM

Portraying same-sex marriage in a cartoon intended for kids 8 and younger.

(b) (6) Jun 5, 12:33 PM  
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Internal note

# #3278848 Complaint

Submitted	Received via	Requester		
May 20, 2019, 10:18 PM	Web Form	(b) (6)		
Status	Type	Priority	Group	Assignee
Closed	-	-	CGB - Indecency your unsolved tickets	(b) (6)
Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	Arthur	Satellite	Indecency	(b) (6)
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	Texas	78251	1:00 P.M.	May 20
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
(b) (6)	46	San antonio		
Network Name (other)	Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard	Address 1	
46	Other	Texas	(b) (6)	
City	Filing on Behalf of Someone			
San Antonio	No			

Vcimari May 20, 10:18 PM

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(b) (6) May 22, 4:01 PM

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# #3291031 PBS "Arthur" Program for Kids

Submitted May 26, 2019, 9:07 AM Received via Web Form Requester (b) (6)

Status Open Type - Priority - Group EB Indecency Assignee -

Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	Arthur	Satellite	Indecency	(b) (6)
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	Michigan	49749	6:30 am	May 13
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
(b) (6)	27	Indian River		
Network Name (other)	Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
PBS	Other	Michigan		
Address 1	City	Filing on Behalf of Someone		
(b) (6)	Indian River	No		

Dixon12 May 26, 9:07 AM

The PBS "Arthur" season 22 premiere, "Mr. Ratburn and the Special Someone," is a flagrant indoctrination and promotion of the homosexual lifestyle upon our impressionable young children and a gross misuse of our tax dollars. Discussion of such controversial topics and lifestyle choices should be left up to parents.

(b) (6) Jun 26, 9:58 AM

Internal note

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# #3264263 Gay marriage

Submitted	Received via	Requester		
May 14, 2019, 5:29 AM	Web Form	(b) (6)		
Status	Type	Priority	Group	Assignee
Closed	-	-	CGB - Indecency your unsolved tickets	(b) (6)
Complaint Internal Status	Name of TV program	TV Method	TV Issues	First Name
Not Served	Arthur	Broadcast (over the air)	Indecency	(b) (6)
Last Name	State	Zip Code	Time of Issue	Date of Issue
(b) (6)	South Carolina	29229	5:13 am	May 14
Phone (where you can be contacted)	TV channel	City Where Program was Viewed/Heard		
(b) (6)	34	Columbia		
Network Name (other)	Network	State Where Program was Viewed/Heard		Address 1
PBS kids	Other	South Carolina		(b) (6)
City	Filing on Behalf of Someone			
Columbia	No			

(b) (6) May 14, 5:29 AM

The PBS kids channel is promoting gay marriage for children this should be viewed as appropriate for adults on cable but not on local tv that is publicly accessible

(b) (6) May 14, 1:28 PM

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